

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2005. The Examiner's comments in the Action have been carefully considered.

Claims 13 has been objected to because of a minor informality. This informality has been corrected by this Amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the object to claim 13 as well as claims 14 - 41, which depend on claim 13, be withdrawn.

While claims 2-11 and 59-122 have been allowed, claims 1 and 12 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by a newly cited reference, namely, U.S. Patent No. 4,893,223 issued to Arnold. The Examiner's bases for this rejection are set forth in paragraph 6. For reasons more specifically discussed below, this rejection is respectfully traversed, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

On September 9, 2005, Examiner Anabel Ton and Examiner's SPE Sandra O'Shea conducted a telephone conference with the undersigned attorney for applicant. During this telephone conference the prior art reference was discussed as was the Arnold '223 patent. On the basis of such discussion, agreement was reached that amending claims 1 and 12 to recite that at least one or more diodes are mounted on the mounting surface of the mounting template at angles skewed to the surface of the mounting template would place these claims in condition for allowance. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to incorporate such limitation, and the specification, at page 25 and 26, has likewise been amended to reflect the language added to the claims based upon the teaching and disclosure in the drawings as filed. This limitation in the claims distinguishes over the illumination device of Arnold, wherein the diodes are mounted such that the diodes and the light beams that they emit are substantially normal or perpendicular to the mounting structure.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early allowance and issuance is, accordingly, respectfully solicited.

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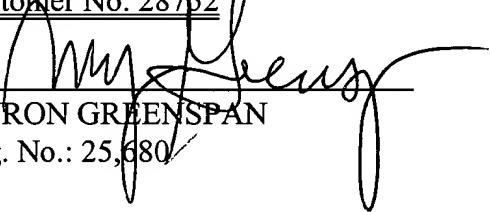
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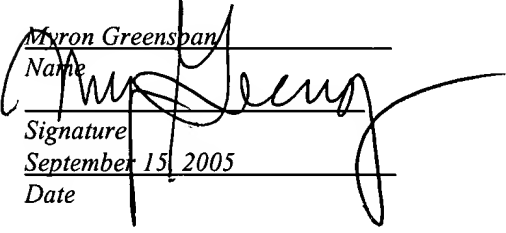
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